

**CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2017  
WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
400 PHENIX AVENUE, CRANSTON, RI 02920  
EXECUTIVE SESSION –6:00 P.M.  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING - PUBLIC SESSION**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order- 6:00 p.m. Convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws -
2. PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel:
  - a. Discussion of Certified Employee A
  - b. Discussion of Certified Employee B
3. PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining/Litigation:
  - a. Custodians
  - b. Bus Drivers/Mechanics
  - c. Tradespeople
  - d. Secretaries
4. PL 42-46-5(3)
  - a. District Safety Plan
5. Adjourn Executive Session
6. Call to Order - Public Session
7. Roll Call – Quorum
8. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – March 13, 2017
9. Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved – February 6, 2017 (Budget Adoption), February 28, 2017 (Special Meeting) and March 8, 2017 (Work Session)
10. Public Acknowledgements/Communications
11. Chairperson's Communications
12. Superintendent's Communications
13. School Committee Member Communications
14. Public Hearing
  - a. Students (Agenda/Non-Agenda Matters)
  - b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)
15. Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda
16. Action Calendar/Action Agenda

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Sponsored by Michael Traficante**

**Resolution No. 17-03-03 WHEREAS, Malik Gavek** has distinguished himself in the sport of Football at Cranston High School East by being named the team's 2016 Offensive MVP, Team Captain in addition; he scored 16 touchdowns and ran for 1,015 yards. As a defensive back, he made 63 tackles, including 39 solo stops;

**WHEREAS**, Malik's play on both sides of the ball was a major factor in Cranston East earning a share of the Division IB regular season league championship;

**WHEREAS, Malik Gavik** has been a three year starter and 2016 Team Captain and was selected as a 2016 1st Team Providence Journal All State as well as an All-League All-Academic selection;

**WHEREAS**, he also was selected as a Golden Dozen nominee by the Emo DiNitto Chapter Rhode Island Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame;

**Be it RESOLVED**, that the Cranston School Committee would like to recognize this outstanding athlete for his contribution to his team and to the sport of football.

**Be it further RESOLVED**, that **Malik Gavik** will receive a copy of this resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.

**Sponsored by Michael Traficante**

**Resolution No. 17-03-04 Whereas, Jay Bast** has distinguished himself in the sport of Football at Cranston High School East by being selected as the team's Defensive MVP in addition to being a four year starter and team captain;

**WHEREAS**, Jay was selected as a 2016 1st Team Providence Journal All State as well as an All-League All-Academic selection;

**WHEREAS**, he made 85 tackles, including 16 for a loss, had four sacks, three fumble recoveries and an interception;

**WHEREAS**, Jay also rushed for 420 yards, scored 4 touchdowns and 4 two point conversions as a running back, and whereas; Jay was a key factor on both offense and defense in leading Cranston East to a share of the Division IB regular season championship, and whereas; Jay earned 4 varsity letters in football making him only the third student-athlete to earn that distinction in Cranston East Football history.

**Be it RESOLVED**, that the Cranston School Committee would like to recognize this outstanding athlete for his contribution to his team and to the sport of football.

**Be it further RESOLVED**, that **Jay Bast** will receive a copy of this resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.

**Sponsored by Janice Ruggieri, Chairperson**

**Resolution No. 17-03-05 WHEREAS**, students from The Cranston Area Career & Technical Center at Cranston High School West have distinguished themselves through competing in the 2017 Rhode Island State DECA Competitions;

**WHEREAS** the following 51 students have distinguished themselves on the state level by medaling in their respective competitions:

**GOLD: Victoria Beck** - Sports & Entertainment Marketing Operations Research; **Jillian Emerick** - Sports & Entertainment Marketing Operations Research; **Bailey Morgan** - Sports & Entertainment

Marketing Operations Research; **Zacharias Warren** - Business Services Operations Research; **Joshua Shaughnessy** - Business Services Operations Research; **Mark Doire** - Business Services Operations Research; **Madison Pine** - Buying & Merchandising Operations Research; **Gianni Verduchi** - Buying & Merchandising Operations Research; **Cameron Bissitt** - Finance Operations Research; **Jarred D'Amico** - Finance Operations Research; **Alexander Micheletti** - Finance Operations Research; **Cecilia Spooner** - Learn & Earn Project; **Medha Reddy** - Learn & Earn Project; **Joshua Forge** - Financial Literacy Promotion Project; **Michael Degnan** - Financial Literacy Promotion Project; **Joshua Pereira** - Financial Literacy Promotion Project; **Morgan DiMaio** - Community Service Project; **Cassandra Giarrusso** - Community Service Project; **Theodore Ruggieri** - Community Service Project; **Marina Mocer** - Public Relations Project; **Megan Kenneally** - Public Relations Project; **Nicholas Poulos** - Public Relations Project; **Tara Ayrassian** - Entrepreneurship Promotion Project; **Alayna Harvie** - Entrepreneurship Promotion Project; **Matthew Tocco** - Entrepreneurship Promotion Project; **Michae**; **Ragosta** - Creative Marketing Project; **Kendall Majcher** - Creative Marketing Project; **John DeRouin** - International Business Plan; **Zachary Miniccuci** - International Business Plan; **WHEREAS** - International Business Plan; **Christopher Konturas** - Independent Business Plan; **Austin Coyne** - Independent Business Plan; **Mario Perretta** - Independent Business Plan; **Brett Traficante** - Franchise Business Plan; **Brad Theis** - Franchise Business Plan; **William Such** - Franchise Business Plan; **Nik SanAntonio** - Innovation Plan; **Nicholas Bordieri** - Innovation Plan; **Christopher Manfredo** - Innovation Plan; **Rachel Cappalli** - Business Growth Plan

**SILVER:** **Hope McDonald** - Business Services Operations Research; **Nicole Sacco** - Independent Business Plan; **Meghan Marchetti** - Independent Business Plan; **Gabrielle Gasbarro** - Innovation Plan; **Ryan Reinsant** - Innovation Plan;

**BRONZE:** **Noah Dinerman** – Independent Business Plan; **Lugina Pena** – Independent Business Plan; **Karim Jamous** – Independent Business Plan; **Amin Jamous** - Buying & Merchandising Operations Research; **Matthew Lombardi** - Buying & Merchandising Operations Research; **Maggie Pena** - Buying & Merchandising Operations Research

Be it **RESOLVED** that the Cranston School Committee extends its congratulations to all of these students for their exceptional accomplishments, and to **Mr. Thomas Barbieri**, Principal of Cranston High School West, **Mr. Gerry Auth**, Director, Cranston Area Career & Technical Center, and teacher **Mr. Richard Abruzzini**.

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that they receive a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.

#### **Sponsored by the Cranston School Committee**

**Resolution No. 17-03-06 WHEREAS**, a regional juried art competition was sponsored by the Scholastics Art and Writing organization, on January 7th, 2017. Whereas, the Cranston secondary art teachers were notified that their students had been awarded Gold/Silver Keys in various visual arts categories;

**WHEREAS**, the students had been awarded Gold Keys/American Vision Awards will now be judged on the National Level.

Be it **RESOLVED**, that the following students, be formally congratulated by the Cranston School Committee for this outstanding honor:

**Brandon Chin** – Cranston East – Gold Key in Drawing and Illustration; **Julia Fagundes** – Cranston East – Silver Key in Design; **Nathaniel Hardy** – Cranston East – Silver Key in Drawing and Illustration; **Katrina Marek** – Cranston East – Silver Key in Painting; **Emma McDermott** – Cranston East – Gold Key in Drawing and Illustration; **Seamus Stepalavich** – Cranston East – Silver Key in Jewelry; **Leah Struminsky** – Cranston East – Silver Key in and Illustration; **Sofie Andrews** – Cranston West – Silver Key in Drawing and Illustration; **Zari Apodaca** – Cranston West – Silver Key in Drawing and Illustration and Silver Key in Painting; **Heather DiFazio** – Cranston West – Silver Key in Drawing and Illustration; **Anita Fang** – Cranston West – 2 Silver Keys in Drawing and Illustration; **Jordyn Payne** – Cranston West – Silver Key in Drawing and Illustration; **Aria Pegg** – Cranston West – Silver Key in Drawing and Illustration; **Rachael Perrotta** – Cranston West – Gold Key in Drawing and Illustration; **Jina Chhith**—Bain Middle School – Gold Key in Drawing and Illustration; **Danielle Derisier** – Park View Middle School – Gold Key in Painting; **Mason Harris** – Park View Middle School – Silver Key in Printmaking; **Emily McCoy** – Park View Middle School—Silver Key in Drawing and Illustration; **Gabriel Robledo** – Park View Middle School – Silver Key in Mixed Media; **Angelica Bueno** – Western Hills Middle School – Silver Key in Painting; **Christina Charie** – Western Hills Middle School – Gold Key in Painting; **Tessa Phillips** – Western Hills Middle School – Silver Key in Mixed Media; **Max Rachiele** – Western Hills Middle School – Gold Key in Drawing and Illustration. Whereas; special recognition goes to **Danielle Derisier** from Park View Middle School who was also nominated for the 2017 American Vision Award for her Self Portrait in Painting.

**Be it RESOLVED**, that the above students and their teachers, **Jill Cyr, Kirsten Sorensen,. Valerie Bruzzi-Krsulic, Susan Kalends, Claudia Venditto, Jake Smith, Alicia Hawkins, Jodi Manca, Gloria Budz, Cathy Cox Mary Schultheis, Marty Russell, and Heidi Copeman**, be formally congratulated by the Cranston School Committee for these outstanding honors:

**Be it further RESOLVED**, that they receive a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.

#### **Sponsored by Michael Traficante**

**Resolution No. 17-03-07 WHEREAS**, that, the following individuals have been recognized for outstanding individual achievement in interscholastic athletics;

**WHEREAS**, the following individuals were selected to the Providence Journal All-State 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Teams for a variety of sports the Cranston School Committee would like to recognize by sport and by athlete these accomplished student/athletes:

**Girls' Tennis All State Second Team: Serena Bobola** – Cranston East; Serena was also selected to the Division III Central A First Team, **Isabella Corso** – Cranston West – Isabella was also selected to the Division II Suburban First Team. **Division II First Team for Singles: Lily Janigian** – Cranston West; **Isabella Corso** – Cranston West. **First Team for Doubles: Mimi Ji** – Cranston West and **Ava Caliri** – Cranston West. **Second Team for Doubles: Lauren Knasin** – Cranston West and **Jackie Carranscoza** – Cranston West. **Division III First Team - Singles: Serena Bobola** – Cranston East; **Lily Russel** – Cranston East. **Division III Second Team - Singles – Lily Frappier**—Cranston East. **Doubles: Caroline Nagy** – Cranston East and **Carmen Zhu** – Cranston East

**Girls' Soccer - Coaches Association All Division – Division I: Olivia Idowu** – Cranston West; **Abby Turchetta** – Cranston West; **Katelyn Blake** – Cranston West. **Division II: Anna Botts** – Cranston East; **Arianna Cardona** – Cranston East

**Girls' Volleyball Second Team and All Division First Team: Emilia Vaziri** – Cranston West. **All Division Second Team: Keara Pedroso** – Cranston West and **Marissa Cushman** – Cranston West. **Division II North First Team: Amanda Hay** – Cranston East and **Samantha Levy** – Cranston East. **Second Team: McKenzie Richards** – Cranston East and **Victoria Bowry** – Cranston East.

**Boys' Soccer Division II First Team: Gianluca Laurenza** – Cranston West and **Brent Spaziano** --- Cranston West. **Second Team: Gilberto DelValle** – Cranston West and **Christian McDade** – Cranston West.

**Boys' Soccer Division III First Team: Giovanni Canales** – Cranston East and **Kerin Murillo** – Cranston East

**Rhode Island All Academics Team: Nathan Hardy** – Cranston East

**Be it RESOLVED**, that the above student athletes be formally congratulated by the Cranston School Committee for their outstanding accomplishments, and for their exemplary leadership in their schools and community.

**Be it further RESOLVED**, that he be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the School Committee.

**Sponsored by Domenic Fusco**

**Resolution No. 17-03-08 WHEREAS**, the following students were selected to and participation in the 2017 Rhode Island Music Educators Association All-State Ensembles:

**Junior All-State Band: Troy Santopadre** – Cranston East; **Nadya Lehnert** – Cranston East; **Daniel Marella** – Cranston West; **Junior All-State Orchestra: Autumn Colizza** – Cranston West; **William Hardy** – Park View Middle School; **Rebecca Fyrer** – Cranston West; **Kaitlin Phou** – Hope Highlands; **Junior All-State Treble Choir: Jessica Sullivan** – Cranston West ; **Ashley Konturas** – Cranston West ; **Senior All-State Band: Sagarika Ghosh** – Cranston West; **Elizabeth Delvecchio** – Cranston West; **Senior All-State Jazz Ensemble: Ryan Sullivan** – Cranston West ( for both Jazz Guitar and Jazz Trombone) ; **Senior All-State Orchestra: Alexander Norberg** – Cranston East; **Laney Kong** – Cranston East; **Matthew Fyrer**—Cranston West; **Emma Boucher**, Cranston East; **Senior All-State Women's Choir: Ericia Agyemang** – Cranston West; **Rachel Fontes** – Cranston East; **Brianna Ferreira** – Cranston West; **Mikeicha Malloy** – Cranston West; **Lauren St. Jean** -- Cranston West; **Kayley Sullivan** – Cranston West; **Senior All-State Mixed Choir: Carrie Minassian** – Cranston West; **Thalia Martinez** – Cranston East; **Carlos Coste** – Cranston East; **Rachael Noone** – Cranston East; **Sydney Chalmers-Gannon** – Cranston East; **Jacob Lawson** – Cranston West;

**Be it RESOLVED**, that the committee would also like to recognize **Aggerlynn Vetiaque** – Cranston East and **Sagarika Ghosh** – Cranston West who were both ranked number 2 in the State for Jazz Piano;

**Be it RESOLVED**, that the committee also wishes to recognize the hard work and dedication of the band, orchestra and choral leaders in Cranston High School East and Cranston High School West, Park View Middle School and Western Hills Middle School: **Greg Arsenault, Phil Lachance and Artie Montanaro, Bob Hassan, Nancy Richardson , Emily Johnson and Pam Lowell.**

**Be it further RESOLVED**, that they receive a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.

**Sponsored by the Cranston School Committee**

**Resolution No. 17-03-09 WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2017, a 9th grade student at Cranston High School East began choking during lunch in the cafeteria;

**WHEREAS**, seeing the student experiencing a life-threatening medical emergency, one of the teachers assigned to duty in the cafeteria immediately attended to the student;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cranston School Committee and Administration recognize the quick thinking and rapid action from Cranston High School East teacher **Mr. Stephen Markarian** during this emergency situation and thank **Mr. Markarian** for assisting this student.

**Be it further RESOLVED**, that he receive a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.

**Sponsored by the Cranston School Committee**

**Resolution No. 17-03-10 WHEREAS**, current state law allows Concealed Carry Permit (“CCP”) holders to carry firearms onto school grounds; and

Whereas, the vast majority of states do not permit firearms on school grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, a study by the Violence Policy Center, a Washington D.C. gun safety organization, found, from May 2007 to February 2015, that in research involving 722 deaths in 544 concealed-carry shootings in 36 states and the District of Columbia, the vast majority of those killings were deemed non-self-defense and only 16 cases were eventually ruled lawful self-defense; and

**WHEREAS**, a two year comprehensive Final Report of the Sandy Hook Advisory Commission, consisting of school administrators, teachers, law enforcement, psychiatrists, lawmakers and legal professionals, dated February 2015, made findings including “Safe School Climate” and “Safe School Design and Operations Strategies” that specifically did not include the use of firearms or the of arming teachers or non-law enforcement civilians in schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the National School Boards Association believes that students must have safe and supportive climates and learning environments that support their opportunities to learn and that are free of abuse, violence, bullying, weapons, and harmful substances including alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rhode Island Association of School Committees’ Executive Board have voted to support banning concealed weapons on school grounds, except for duly authorized members of law enforcement;

**WHEREAS**, the Rhode Island School Superintendents’ Association has adopted the School Superintendents Association “AASA Position Paper on School Safety: A response to the Tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary,” which specifically denounces “efforts to bring more guns into our schools by teachers and administrators,” and reminds us that “schools remain the safest place for children”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rhode Island Association of School Principals Executive Board has voted to endorse and support the ban on concealed weapons on school grounds, except for authorized members of law enforcement, holding to its core belief that school environments should be devoid of all conditions that may compromise the safety of students and staff;

**WHEREAS**, the Rhode Island Federation of Teachers & Health Professionals (RIFTHP) supports banning concealed weapons on school grounds, except for duly authorized members of law enforcement;

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island education leadership has carefully considered and implemented regularly audited school and district-wide building safety plans and emergency protocols inclusive of first-responders, local law enforcement, and the school community:

**Be It RESOLVED**, that the Cranston School Committee respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly to support 2017 – H 5354, 2016 - S0187, and any and all legislative proposals that would disallow non-law enforcement to carry concealed firearms onto school grounds.

## **PERSONNEL**

**Resolution No. 17-03-11 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

**Colleen Riessen**, Special Ed Elementary 1-6  
**Renee Packer**, Elementary 1-6

**Resolution No. 17-03-12 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be appointed as an athletic coach:

**Matthew Lovejoy**, Head Coach Boys' Baseball  
Park View  
Class-E  
Step-3  
Playing Competition-High School  
Experience-Youth Leagues  
Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR\AED\First Aid

**Rebecca DelNigro**, Head Coach Girls' Track  
Cranston West  
Class-B  
Step-3  
Playing Competition-High School  
Experience-Nathan Bishop Middle School Coach  
Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR\AED\First Aid

**Brianna Madonna**, Head Coach Girls' Lacrosse  
Cranston West  
Class-B  
Step-2  
Playing Competition-High School & College  
Experience-Cranston West Assistant Coach  
Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR\AED\First Aid

**Jessica Ricci**, Assistant Coach Girls' Lacrosse  
Cranston West  
Class-D  
Step-2  
Playing Competition-High School & College  
Experience-None

Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR\AED\First Aid

**Nicholas LaFera**, Assistant Coach Boys' Track

Cranston West

Class-D

Step-3

Playing Competition-High School & College

Experience-Youth Leagues

Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR\AED\First Aid

**Anthony Simeone**, Head Coach Baseball

Hope Highlands

Class-E

Step-1

Playing Competition-High School

Experience-Youth Leagues

Certification-RIIL Coaches Certification

**Justin Erickson**, Head Coach Boys' Lacrosse

Cranston West

Class-B

Step-3

Playing Competition-High School

Experience-Assistant Lacrosse Coach-Cranston West

Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR\AED\First Aid

**Matthew Pagnozzi**, Assistant Coach Boys' Lacrosse

Cranston West

Class-D

Step-1

Playing Competition-High School

Experience-None

Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR\AED\First Aid

**Alexa St. Angelo**, Head Coach Girls' Softball

Hope Highlands

Class-E

Step-2

Playing Competition-High School

Experience-Youth Leagues

Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR\AED\First Aid

**Zachary Sailer**, Assistant Baseball Coach

Cranston East

Class-D

Step-2

Playing Competition-High School

Experience-Lincoln Middle School

Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR\AED\First Aid



**Lauren Leslie**, Head Co-ed Outdoor Track Coach  
Hope Highlands  
Class-E  
Step-3  
Playing Competition-High School  
Experience-Feinstein Middle School  
Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR\AED\First Aid

**Daniel Burns**, Head Co-ed Outdoor Track Coach Basketball  
Western Hills  
Class-E  
Step-3  
Playing Competition-None  
Experience-None  
Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR\AED\First Aid

**Lloyd Bochner**, Head Coach Girls' Softball Coach  
Park View  
Class-E  
Step-3  
Playing Competition-None  
Experience-Park View Girls' Basketball  
Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR\AED\First Aid

**Meaghan McGonagle**, Head Coach Boys' Volleyball  
Cranston East  
Class-B  
Step-3  
Playing Competition-High School & College  
Experience-Cranston East Girls' Volleyball  
Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR\AED\First Aid

**Resolution No. 17-03-13 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be reappointed as an athletic coach:

**Cranston High School East**

Robert Bouchard, Head Boys' Outdoor Track Coach  
Carl Bishop, Assistant Boys' Outdoor Track Coach  
Michael Walsh, Head Baseball Coach  
Robert LaBanca, Head Girls' Outdoor Track Coach  
Ryan Kavanagh, Assistant Girls' Outdoor Track Coach  
Paul Bessette, Head Girls' Softball Coach  
Kayla Cilley, Assistant Girls' Softball Coach  
James Creamer, Head Boys' Lacrosse Coach  
Matthew Davis, Assistant Boys' Lacrosse Coach  
Michael Boyajian, Head Girls' Tennis Coach  
Howard Chun, Head Girls' Lacrosse Coach  
Michaela Salois, Assistant Girls' Lacrosse Coach  
Ron Lee, Assistant Boys' Volleyball Coach

**Cranston High School West**

Rob Malo, Head Baseball Coach  
Corey Capirchio, Assistant Baseball Coach  
Jeff Smith, Head Girls' Softball Coach  
Dave Kenneally, Assistant Girls' Softball Coach  
Roger Tow, Head Boys' Volleyball Coach  
Ralph Sacco, Assistant Boys' Volleyball Coach  
James Lucas, Head Girls' Tennis Coach  
Frank Notarianni, Head Boys' Outdoor Track Coach  
Dina Cesana, Assistant Girls' Outdoor Track Coach  
Matthew Reis, Head Unified Basketball Coach  
Joseph Salimeno, Head Golf Coach

**Western Hills**

Joseph Splendorio-Head Baseball Coach  
Thomas Lewandowski-Head Girls' Softball Coach

**Park View**

John Macera, Head Co-ed Outdoor Track Coach

**Bain**

Robert DeCosta, Head Baseball Coach  
Cristen Rekrut, Head Girls' Softball Coach  
Stephen Faccenda, Head Co-ed Track Coach

**Resolution No. 17-03-14 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be appointed as volunteer coaches:

**Cranston High School West**

David Feole                      Girls' Softball

**Resolution No. 17-03-15 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coach (es) be accepted:

**William Naylor**, Assistant Coach Boys' Volleyball  
Cranston East  
Effective date...March 6, 2017

**Resolution No. 17-03-16 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified staff member be granted a leave of absence without compensation as provided in Article XIX, Section F of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance:

**Caren Signore**, Teacher  
Orchard Farms  
Effective Date...August, 2017 to September, 2018

**Resolution No. 17-03-17 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employee(s) be appointed:

**Amanda Paniccia**, 3hr Teacher Assistant  
Glen Hills  
Effective Date...February 27, 2017  
Replacement  
Fiscal Note... 12846010 51110

**Bianca Burgess**, Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Effective Date...February 27, 2017  
Replacement  
Fiscal Note... 12645190 51110

**Jordan Vasquez**, Bus Monitor  
Transportation  
Effective Date...March 13, 2017  
Replacement  
Fiscal Note...11345090 5118600

**Melissa Kilsey**, Teacher Assistant  
Gladstone  
Effective Date...March 16, 2017  
Replacement  
Fiscal Note... 11946020 51110

**Amy Lemay**, Teacher Assistant  
Park View  
Effective Date...March 27, 2017  
Replacement  
Fiscal Note... 12346020 51110

**Resolution No. 17-03-18 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

**John Cook**, Custodian

**Resolution No. 17-03-19 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

**Diane Hawksley**, Bus Driver  
Transportation  
Effective Date...March 10, 2017

**Resolution No. 17-03-20 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

**Amanda Celeste**, Bus Monitor  
Transportation  
Effective Date...February 8, 2017

**Mary Abujade, Bus Driver**  
Transportation  
Effective Date....March 13, 2017

## **BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 17-03-21 RESOLVED**, that the following purchase be approved:

**TrueVIS VG Series Printer/Cutter** for the Cranston Area Career and Technical Center in the amount of \$19,995 to be awarded to Central Paper Company. Funding will be provided by the Perkins Grant.

Number of Bids Issued     3  
Number of Bids Received   3

**Resolution No. 17-03-22 RESOLVED**, that the following purchase be approved:

**Electronic Message Sign** to be installed outside in front of Cranston High School East. Purchase price of the sign is \$11,122, to be awarded to Buy Direct Signs. Funding to be provided Cranston High School East Alumni

Number of Bids Issued     2  
Number of Bids Received   2

**Resolution No. 17-03-23 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Cranston School Committee accepts the Financial Audit as presented in the Auditor's report for the year ended June 30, 2016.

**Resolution No. 17-03-24 RESOLVED**, that the Five year Capital Project Plan, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved **(See Attached)**

**Resolution No. 17-03-25 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2017-2018 School Calendar be adopted **(See attached)**.

**Resolution No. 17-03-26 RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Superintendent the Cranston School Committee accepts a bequest from the Estate of Alice M. Allen which provides scholarship assistance based upon on need, to a graduate of Cranston High School East enrolled in a program leading to a Baccalaureate or advanced degree.

## **POLICY and PROGRAM**

**Resolution No. 17-03-27 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the School Committee, the following polices from the 5000 series be amended: **(Second Reading) (See attached policies)**

|         |                                    |        |
|---------|------------------------------------|--------|
| 5113    | Student Attendance                 | Amend  |
| 5113.2  | Student Absence Beyond 10 Days     | Delete |
| 5113(c) | High school Absence and Attendance | Delete |

**Resolution No. 17-03-28 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conference/Field Trip of Long Duration be authorized:

David Aulenbach, Assistant Principal for Special and Related Services for CHSE, David Schiappa, Assistant Principal for Special and Related Services for CHSW and Zachary Farrell, Assistant Principal for CHSW, travel to National Harbor, Maryland from April 23, 2017 through April 26, 2017 to attend the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual LRP's National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities Conference, at no cost to the school department. Expenses to be funded through the IDEA Grant.

**Resolution No. 17-03-29 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conference/Field Trip of Long Duration be authorized:

Julie Driscoll, Director for Early Childhood Center, to travel to Chapel Hill, North Carolina from May 9, 2017 through May 11, 2017 to attend the National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute, at no cost to the school department. Expenses to be funded through the IDEA Grant.

**Resolution No. 17-03-30 RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conference/Field Trip of Long Duration be authorized:

Gayle Dzekevich, Director of Adult Education, to travel to Orlando, Florida from April 2, 2017 through April 6, 2017 for the COABE (Coalition of Adult Basic Education). Expenses to be funded through the Adult Education Grant.

17. Public Hearing on Non-Agenda Items

18. Announcement of Future Meeting(s) – March 16, 2017, April 12, 2017 and April 24, 2017

19. Adjournment

School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairperson in advance.

Interested persons and the public at large, upon advance notice, will be given a fair opportunity to be heard at said meeting on the items proposed on the agenda.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Superintendent's Office at 270-8170 72 hours in advance of hearing date.

Any changes in the agenda pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6(e) will be posted on the school district's website at [www.cpsed.net](http://www.cpsed.net), Cranston Public Schools' administration building, 845 Park Ave., Cranston, RI; and Cranston City Hall, 845 Park Ave., Cranston, RI and will be electronically filed with the Secretary of State at least forty-eight hours (48) in advance of the meeting.

**Notice posted: March 11, 2017**

## Cranston 5 year CIP Plan

| PROJECT TITLE                       | BUDGETED  | PROPOSED     |              |            |              |              | TOTAL         |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|                                     | 2014-2015 | 2016-2017    | 2017-2018    | 2018-2019  | 2019-2020    | 2020-2021    |               |
| 1. Western Hills Fire Code          |           | 900,000.00   |              |            |              |              | 439,075.00    |
| 2. Western Hills Windows            |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| 3. Bain Renovate 14 bathrooms       |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| 4. Western Hills Redsign parking    |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| 5. Cranston West fire code          |           |              |              |            |              | 1,200,000.00 | 1,200,000.00  |
| 6..Cranston West parking lot        |           |              |              |            |              | 730,250.00   | 730,250.00    |
| 7. Cranston West hazardous material |           |              |              |            | 779,145.00   |              | 779,145.00    |
| 8. Cranston East HVAC               |           |              |              |            |              | 1,000,000.00 | 1,000,000.00  |
| 9.Cranston East Fire Code issues    |           |              |              |            | 200,000.00   |              | 200,000.00    |
| 10. Du Temple Hazardous material    |           |              |              |            | 400,000.00   |              | 400,000.00    |
| 11. Dutemple Fire Code              |           | 400,000.00   |              |            |              |              | 400,000.00    |
| 12. Watreman Fire Code              |           | 250,000.00   |              |            |              |              | 250,000.00    |
| 13.Norwood Fire Code                |           |              |              |            | 153,000.00   |              | 153,000.00    |
| 14. Stone Hill Sprinkler system     |           |              |              |            | 160,000.00   |              | 160,000.00    |
| 15. Stone Hill ADA repairs          |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| 16.. Woodridge Sprinkler system     |           |              |              |            |              | 320,000.00   | 320,000.00    |
| 17. Woodridge hazardous material    |           |              |              | 370,000.00 |              |              | 370,000.00    |
| 18..Gladstone Fire Code             |           |              |              |            | 300,000.00   |              | 300,000.00    |
| 19. Gladstone hazardous material    |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| 20. Oaklawn Kitchen ceiling repairs |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| 21.Oaklawn Sprinkler                |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| 22. Oaklawn Windows                 |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| 23. . Edgewood Sprinkler            |           |              |              | 500,000.00 |              |              | 500,000.00    |
| 24. Edgewood health and safety      |           |              |              | 50,000.00  |              |              | 50,000.00     |
| 25.Edgewood ADA/exterior doors      |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| 26. Edgewood HVAC                   |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| 27. Peters floor drains             |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| 28. Peters Fire Code                |           |              | 800,000.00   |            |              | 65,000.00    | 865,000.00    |
| 29. Stadium hazardous material      |           |              |              |            | 55,000.00    |              | 55,000.00     |
| 30. Stadium Fire code               |           | 700,000.00   |              |            |              |              | 800,000.00    |
| 31. Eden Park Fire Code             |           |              | 700,000.00   |            |              |              | 700,000.00    |
| 32. Garden City Fire Code           |           |              | 800,000.00   |            | 85,000.00    |              | 885,000.00    |
| 33. Gardden City ADA repairs        |           |              |              |            |              | 140,000.00   | 140,000.00    |
| 34. Rhodes hazardous materail       |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| 35. Rhodes Fire Code                |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| 36. Glenn Hills sprinkler           |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| 37. Glenn hills window replacement  |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| 38. Glenn Hills ADA repairs         |           |              |              |            | 631,509.00   |              | 631,509.00    |
| 39. Glenn Hills hazardous materials |           |              |              |            | 200,000.00   |              | 200,000.00    |
| 40.Chester Barrows Fire code        |           | 260,000.00   |              |            |              |              | 260,000.00    |
| 41. Chester Barrows Health &Safety  |           |              |              |            |              | 140,000.00   | 140,000.00    |
| 42. Arlington hazardous material    |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
|                                     |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
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|                                     |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
|                                     |           |              |              |            |              |              | 0.00          |
| Totals                              | 0.00      | 2,510,000.00 | 2,300,000.00 | 920,000.00 | 2,963,654.00 | 3,595,250.00 | 12,288,904.00 |

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## 2017-18 School Calendar

Resolution No. 17-03-xx approved, March 2017

| DAYS                      | DAYS                      | DAYS                      | DAYS                      |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>August 2017</b>        | <b>September 2017</b>     | <b>October 2017</b>       | <b>November 2017</b>      |
| Su M Tu W Th F Sa         | Su M Tu W Th F Sa         | Su M Tu W Th F Sa         | Su M Tu W Th F Sa         |
| 1 2 3 4 5                 | 1 2                       | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7             | 1 2 3 4                   |
| 6 7 8 9 10 11 12          | 3 4 5 6 7 8 9             | 8 9 10 11 12 13 14        | 5 6 7 8 9 10 11           |
| 13 14 15 16 17 18 19      | 10 11 12 13 14 15 16      | 15 16 17 18 19 20 21      | 12 13 14 15 16 17 18      |
| 20 21 22 23 24 25 26      | 17 18 19 20 21 22 23      | 22 23 24 25 26 27 28      | 19 20 21 22 23 24 25      |
| 27 28 29 30 31 (0)        | 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 (18) | 29 30 31 (21)             | 26 27 28 29 30 (19)       |
| <b>December 2017</b>      | <b>January 2018</b>       | <b>February 2018</b>      | <b>March 2018</b>         |
| Su M Tu W Th F Sa         | Su M Tu W Th F Sa         | Su M Tu W Th F Sa         | Su M Tu W Th F Sa         |
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| 3 4 5 6 7 8 9             | 7 8 9 10 11 12 13         | 4 5 6 7 8 9 10            | 4 5 6 7 8 9 10            |
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| 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 (16) | 28 29 30 31 (21)          | 25 26 27 28 (15)          | 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 (21) |
| 31                        |                           |                           |                           |
| <b>April 2018</b>         | <b>May 2018</b>           | <b>June 2018</b>          | <b>July 2018</b>          |
| Su M Tu W Th F Sa         | Su M Tu W Th F Sa         | Su M Tu W Th F Sa         | Su M Tu W Th F Sa         |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7             | 1 2 3 4 5                 | 1 2                       | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7             |
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| 29 30 (16)                | 27 28 29 30 31 (22)       | 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 (11) | 29 30 31                  |

August 30 & 31, 2017  
 September 1, 2017  
 September 4, 2017  
 September 5, 2017  
 September 21, 2017  
 October 9, 2017  
 November 10, 2017  
 November 23 & 24, 2017  
 December 25, 2017 - January 1, 2018  
 January 15, 2018  
 February 19-23 2018  
 March 30, 2018  
 April 16-20, 2018  
 May 28, 2018  
 June 15, 2018

New Teacher Orientation  
 All Teachers Orientation  
 Labor Day  
 First Day of School for ALL students  
 Rosh Hashanah  
 Columbus Day Observed  
 Veterans' Day Observed  
 Thanksgiving Recess  
 Holiday Recess  
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
 Mid-Winter Recess (includes Presidents' Day / Feb.19)  
 Good Friday  
 Spring Recess  
 Memorial Day Observed  
 Last Day of School (or 180th day/make up days for inclement weather)

### ELEMENTARY

First Trimester September 5 - December 4  
 Second Trimester December 5 - March #  
 Third Trimester March 15 - June #  
 (60 day trimesters)

### SECONDARY

First quarter September 5 - November 8 inclusive 45 days  
 Second quarter November 9 - January 24 inclusive 45 days  
 Third quarter January 25 - April 5 inclusive 45 days  
 Fourth quarter April 6 - June 15 inclusive 45 days

### Graduation Dates

Cranston High School East and West June 9, 2018  
 NEL/CPS Construction Career Academy June 8, 2018  
 Cranston East, West & NEL/CPS Seniors' last day of instruction June 1, 2018

## **Student Attendance Policy**

Attendance is mandated by Rhode Island General Laws 16-19-1. Regular attendance is absolutely necessary for academic success, as it develops a sense of responsibility, which is indispensable for survival in the workplace.

### **Student Absences beyond Ten (10) Days**

When a student has been absent for ten (10) consecutive school days, and the absence has not been reported, and the school has demonstrated a good faith effort to contact the student and his or her parents/guardians, the student may be dropped from the attendance rolls.

### **Absences and Tardies**

1. Excused absences are for: illness or appointment confirmed by a doctor's/dentist's note within two (2) days of return to school; family bereavement; legal/court obligations confirmed by a note from the court; college or military appointments confirmed by documentation from agency.
2. Students are expected to be present in all classes on time. Students who are late to classes will be consequence by the teacher. Students who are chronically late (more than 4x per quarter)/(5) per trimester will be referred to the student's building administrator.
3. Students, who are late to school must sign in at the tardy desk. Students will be allowed four (4) unexcused tardies to school each quarter/ (5) per trimester.
4. All days tardy beyond four (4) per quarter (5) per trimester will result in disciplinary consequences unless excused with verifiable documentation (e.g. doctor's/dentist's note, legal obligation, family bereavement). All absence/tardy notes must be submitted no later than the day following the student's return to school or the day following the tardy. Parents/guardians shall be notified of excessive tardies after the fourth tardy per quarter or the fifth tardy per trimester.
5. On the fourth (4) (5) tardy, a conference with the building administrator will occur. Parents will be notified of the excessive tardies. Detention will be assigned for all days tardy beyond four (4), (5) and up to eight (8). All days tardy beyond eight (8) will result in social probation and/or additional disciplinary consequences.
6. Social probation will be imposed after the eighth (8) tardy in a marking period. Social probation means the student will not be able to participate in any extra-curricular activities or school-sponsored events after school hours; after school or on weekends. Such events shall include, but not be limited to, dances, proms or athletics, either as a participant or observer for the remainder of the term.
7. Teachers are not obligated to provide make-up assignments for the following: students who have "cut" class; student who miss a class by arriving late to school without a verifiable excuse (see criteria above).
8. Family vacations during school time are not considered excused absences; however, students will be provided with the opportunity to make up work upon their return to school. Students will



have the equivalent of time out of school to make up work (i.e. three days out = three days to make up the work). School will not provide school work before the vacation.

9. Parents wishing to appeal an attendance-related decision made by the classroom teacher should follow the CPS appeal process. Refer to policy 5145. (i.e. written appeal in the following order: student's assistant principal, principal, superintendent (or designee), Cranston School Committee).

Policy Adopted: 3/20/72  
Policy Amended: 7/16/07 (Res. No. 07-7-21)  
Policy Amended: 3/13/17 (Res. No.

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**Student Absences beyond Ten (10) Days**

~~When a student has been absent for ten (10) consecutive school days, and the absence has not been reported, and the school has demonstrated a good faith effort to contact the student and his or her parents/guardians, the student may be dropped for non-attendance.~~

~~Policy Adopted: 7/21/03 (Res. No. 03-7-20)~~

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**High School Absence and Tardy Policy**

- ~~1. If a student is absent (unexcused) from a class or classes in excess of five (5) times per quarter, the teacher will lower the student's quarterly grade by ten points. Excused absences are for: illness or appointment confirmed by a doctor's/dentist's note within two (2) days of return to school; family bereavement; legal/court obligations confirmed by a note from the court; college or military appointments confirmed by documentation from agency.~~
- ~~2. Students are expected to be present in homeroom/advisory on time. Students who are late to homeroom/advisory may be consequence by the teacher. Students who are chronically late (more than 3x per quarter) will be referred to the student's assistant principal.~~
- ~~3. Students, who are late to school after the completion of homeroom/advisory, must sign in at the tardy desk. Students will be allowed three (3) unexcused tardies to school each quarter.~~
- ~~4. All days tardy beyond three (3) per quarter will result in disciplinary consequences unless excused with verifiable documentation (e.g. doctor's/dentist's note, legal obligation, family bereavement). All absence/tardy notes must be submitted no later than the day following the student's return to school or the day following the tardy.~~
- ~~5. On the fourth (4) tardy, a conference with the assistant principal will occur. Parents will be notified of the excessive tardies. Detention will be assigned for all days tardy beyond four (4) and up to eight (8). All days tardy beyond eight (8) may result in social probation and/or additional disciplinary consequences.~~
- ~~6. Social probation will be imposed after the eighth (8) tardy in a marking period. Social probation means the student will not be able to participate in any extra-curricular activities or school sponsored events after school hours or on weekends. Such events shall include, but not be limited to, dances, proms or athletics, either as a participant or observer.~~
- ~~7. Teachers are not obligated to provide make-up assignments for the following: students who have "cut" class; student who miss a class by arriving late to school without a verifiable excuse (see criteria above); family vacations during school time are not considered excused absences.~~
- ~~8. Parents/guardians shall be notified of excessive tardies after the fourth tardy per quarter.~~
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**Policy Adopted: 12/9/13 (Res. No. 13-12-20) — CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
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